

# Agricultural Report

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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

### FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK SET TO KICK OFF SEPTEMBER 16

*By Linda Piotrowicz, Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky*

Sixty-five locations around the state will feature special menus featuring Connecticut Grown ingredients during Farm-to-Chef Week, September 16-22, 2012. This third annual showcase of local farm-fresh food prepared by some of the state's finest chefs is an initiative of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program.

"Farm-to-Chef Week provides diners of all tastes and budgets an opportunity to sample and learn more about a diversity of foods grown and raised here in Connecticut," explained state Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky. "And the farmers really enjoy watching their raw products transformed into finished dishes of all types, including creative salads and appetizers, savory entrees and sides, and both light and decadent desserts."

Unlike restaurant weeks, which have become popular in recent years, Farm-to-Chef Week involves eateries of many different types. Participating venues include both casual and formal restaurants, as well as country clubs, hotels, healthcare facilities, college and university dining halls, and K-12 cafeterias. In addition, two farmers' markets will be serving Farm-to-Chef dishes this year during their normal market hours that week.

Participants have considerable flexibility in creating their menus. They must offer at least four selections that feature one or more Connecticut Grown ingredients, and must offer one or more Connecticut Grown wines if they nor-

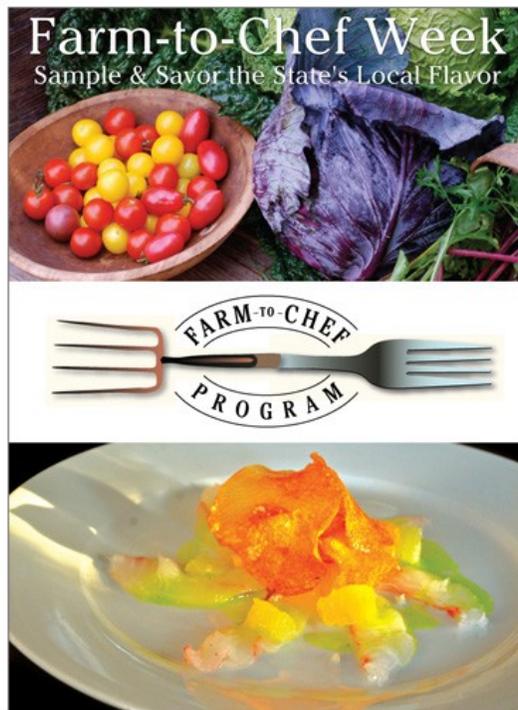
mally serve alcohol. Beyond that, chefs can be as creative as they wish.

"We encourage participants to go above and beyond for Farm-to-Chef Week," pointed out Commissioner Reviczky. "Some involved are new to buying and using ingredients from local farms, so they might start more conservatively. Others are accustomed to working with local farm products on a daily basis. In that case, we ask them to try something new and stretch themselves creatively, incorporating Connecticut Grown proteins, dairy, maple, honey, and more unusual produce items."

A sampling of past years menu items includes:

- omelets and other egg dishes
- grilled ratatouille
- seafood stew
- grilled chicken
- roast turkey and gravy
- beef burgers
- gluten-free vegan burgers
- pizza with goat's milk cheese
- zucchini lasagna with "rawcotta"
- butternut squash bisque
- a plethora of salads
- maple-bacon ice cream
- apple pie
- white chocolate raspberry tart
- chocolates spiced with local herbs

This year's menus promise to be just as diverse.



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**WHOLESALE APPLES & PEARS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE, Cort bu, 2-3/4, xfcy	34.00	34.00
APPLE, Gala, tote, 8/5lb	34.00	34.00
APPLE, Hnycrsp, 100ct, xfcy	60.00	70.00
APPLE, Mac, 80ct, xfcy	38.00	38.00
PEAR, Bosc, 4/5bu	34.00	34.00
PEAR, Rd Anj, 4/5bu	34.00	34.00
PEAR, Sckl, 1/2bu	26.00	26.00



**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BEAN, Grn, bu	14.00	18.00
BEAN, Wax, bu	29.00	29.00
BROCCOLI, Cut, 20lb	12.00	12.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	11.00	11.00
CABBAGE, Grn, bx	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE, Grn, bg 50lb	8.00	9.00
GRAPE, Concord, 8-1qt	24.00	26.00
CORN, 5dz	8.00	12.00
CORN, Indian, 20/3s	25.00	25.00
CUCMBR, spr slct, 1-1/9bu	16.00	20.00
CUCMBR, PckIng, 1/2 bu	15.00	15.00
EGGPLNT, 1-1/9bu	8.00	10.00
EGGPLNT, Chinese, 1-1/9bu	24.00	24.00
LEEEKS, 12s	14.00	15.00
NECTARINES, 24lb	26.00	28.00
PEACHES, 25lb, 2-1/2min	22.00	24.00
PEACHES, Wht, 25lb	26.00	28.00
PEPPER, Cubnll, 1-1/9bu	8.00	12.00
PEPPER, Cubnll, grn, xl	14.00	14.00
PEPPER, Cubnll, sntnl, lg	8.00	10.00
PEPPER, Bell, grn, md	7.00	7.00
PEPPER, Bell, grn, xl	11.00	12.00
PEPPER, Bell, grn, lg, 1-1/9bu	8.00	9.00
PEPPER, Bell, rd, xl	20.00	20.00
PEPPER, Bell, trng rd, md	7.00	8.00
PEPPER, Bell, sntnl, md	6.00	8.00
PLUM, Italn, 20lb	28.00	30.00
POTATOES, Rsst, 80ct	14.00	14.00
POTATOES, 10lb, sz A	1.90	2.25
SQUASH, Acrn, bu	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Grn, 1/2bu, md	7.00	1800
SQUASH, Grn, 1/2bu, fncy	8.00	10.00
SQUASH, Yllw, 1/2bu, md	8.00	9.00
SQUASH, Yllw, 1/2bu, fncy	10.00	12.00
SWISS CHRDR, 24s	15.00	15.00
TOMATOES, 10lb, hrlm, xl	20.00	32.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

September 10, 2012

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	n/a
	220-300 lbs	56.50-58.00
	300-400 lbs	n/a
45-49	220-270 lbs	54.00-56.00
	270-300 lbs	54.00-54.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	31.00-34.00
	500-700 lbs	38.50-44.50
Boars:	300-700 lbs	11.00-14.50

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, September 10, 2012

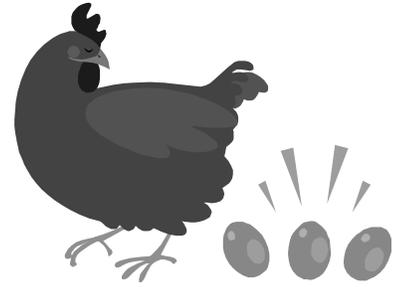
Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	26.00	38.00
61-75 lbs.	44.00	50.00
76-90 lbs.	60.00	65.00
91-105 lbs.	67.50	72.50
106 lbs. & up	75.00	85.00
Farm Calves	87.50	90.00
Starter Calves	42.50	45.00
Veal Calves	35.00	125.00
Open Heifers	n/a	n/a
Beef Heifers	68.00	85.00
Beef Steers	100.50	112.50
Feeder Steers	n/a	n/a
Stock Bulls	86.00	110.00
Beef Bulls	93.00	95.00
Boars	0.01	11.00
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	75.00	100.00
Goats each	90.00	125.00
Kid Goats	40.00	145.00
Canners	Up to	71.50
Cutters	72.00	75.00
Utility Grade Cows	76.50	79.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	14.00
Chickens each	3.00	18.00
Ducks each	6.00	21.00
Feeder Pigs	50.00	145.00
Lambs	50.00	170.00
Sheep	55.00	145.00

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

September 10, 2012

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	77.00-80.00	86.00-88.00	64.00-74.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	72.00-76.00	78.00-80.00	65.00-70.00
Lean	88-90% lean		
	68.00-74.00	74.50-78.50	59.00-67.00
<b>CALVES: All prices per cwt.</b>			
Graded Bull Calves			
	No.1	95-120lbs	95.00-115.00
	No.2	95-115lbs	80.00-100.00
	No.3	95-110lbs	65.00-80.00
Slaughter bulls	935--1695lb	-	95.00-110.00
Holstein Heifers No.1	80-120lb		90.00-120.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:</b>			
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	50-60lbs		146.00-180.00
	60-80lbs		120.00-157.00
	80-90lbs		122.00-128.00
	90-110lbs		n/a
	110-130lbs		n/a



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND  
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in cartons, delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.51-1.61
LARGE	1.41-1.51
MEDIUM	1.02-1.09

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

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Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, per dozen. (Range)

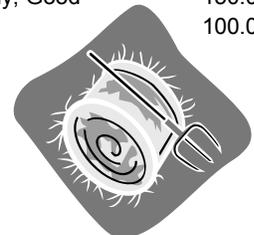
EXTRA LARGE	1.22-1.26
LARGE	1.20-1.24
MEDIUM	1.04-1.06

**PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT**

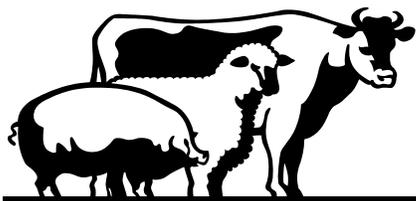
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Eastern Pennsylvania, prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	225.00-325.00
Alfalfa, Good	150.00-200.00
Mixed Hay, Premium	260.00-325.00
Mixed Hay, Good	150.00-200.00
Timothy, Premium	200.00-250.00
Timothy, Good	150.00-185.00
Straw	100.00-180.00



130-150lbs	n/a
Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60lbs	n/a
60-70lbs	122.00-134.00
80-90lbs	n/a
90-130lbs	102.00-120.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh</b>	
80-100lbs	n/a
110-160lbs	68.00-88.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
80-100lbs	-n/a
100-160lb	-56.00-74.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.</b>	
45lbs	94.00-100.00
50-60lbs	112.00-128.00
70-90lbs	128.00-144.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130lb	n/a
100-150lbs	108.00-132.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	n/a
150-250lbs	138.00-195.00



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### GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS

The Governor's Council for Agricultural Development is developing a strategic plan for Connecticut agriculture. As part of that effort, the council will be conducting four listening sessions this month to obtain input from agricultural stakeholders in Connecticut. All are welcome and no RSVP is required. Listening sessions will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. as follows:

- Wednesday, September 19, 2012  
[New London County Extension Office](#) in Norwich
- Thursday, September 20, 2012  
[Connecticut Farm Bureau Offices](#) in Windsor
- Date TBD  
[Litchfield County Extension Office](#) in Torrington
- Date TBD  
[Common Ground High School](#) in New Haven

Those who would like to provide input but cannot attend a listening session can still submit feedback via an online survey at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GCAD\\_Stakeholder\\_Input\\_Aug\\_Sept\\_2012](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GCAD_Stakeholder_Input_Aug_Sept_2012). The deadline to respond to the survey is September 30, 2012.

A draft of the strategic plan, *Grow Connecticut Farms*, will be presented in December at a statewide summit in Hartford. For more information about the council, please visit [www.CTGrown.gov/GovernorsCouncil](http://www.CTGrown.gov/GovernorsCouncil).

### DIESEL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) anticipates receiving approximately \$130,000 in federal funds to reduce diesel emissions in the state. DEEP is seeking proposals for clean diesel projects that can be completed by September 2013. A letter detailing the program, along with the required application form, can be found at [http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=322100&depNav\\_GID=1619](http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=322100&depNav_GID=1619).

Funds may be used to replace any diesel-powered equipment, including agricultural equipment. For example, DEEP can provide up to 25% of the cost of replacing a tractor. Eligibility of agricultural and other non-road equipment depends upon the horsepower and model year.

If you are interested in receiving a list of eligible farm equipment, or if you have questions or require assistance in applying, contact Patrice Kelly, [Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov](mailto:Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov). Completed forms should be submitted to [Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov](mailto:Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

### CT AG FAIR SEASON UNDERWAY

Connecticut's agricultural fair season is underway, with a wide assortment of local, 4-H, district, and major fairs around the state through mid October. Fairs coming up this week include:

- [Four Town Fair](#), September 13, 14, 15 & 16, 2012
- [Simsbury Grange Agricultural Fair](#), September 15, 2012
- [Wallingford Grange Fair](#), September 15, 2012
- [Orange Country Fair](#), September 15 & 16, 2012

More information about Connecticut's agricultural fairs is available at [www.ctfairs.org](http://www.ctfairs.org).

## FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK SET TO KICK OFF SEPTEMBER 16 (continued from Page 1)

"There is something available for every taste, dietary preference, and budget," Commissioner Revczky emphasized. Menus will be available online, with links to each posted on the Farm-to-Chef Week website, [www.CTFarmtoChef.com](http://www.CTFarmtoChef.com).

In addition to meeting menu requirements, participants also must promote the farms from which they are sourcing ingredients for Farm-to-Chef Week. Some will invite farmers in to speak or meet with diners. Many will use posters and signage, social media, and/or email blasts with farmer information and profiles. Again, creativity is encouraged. CitySeed Farmers' Market at Wooster Square will feature a farmers' market cook-off, while the Coventry Regional Farmers' Market will bring in chefs to do demonstrations using ingredients from the market.

Participants agree that Farm-to-Chef Week is important for raising awareness about Connecticut farms and products, even for those who feature local ingredients on a regular basis.

"I think Farm-to-Chef Week is a great way to promote local foods and the farms on which they are grown," explained Leigh Rainey, operations manager for Sodexo Campus Services. "It also supports Sodexo's sustainability initiative and it is a great way for us to showcase that we do buy local and use these foods in our daily menus." This will be Sodexo's third year participating.

Patty Walker of Chestnut Fine Foods is also participating for the third consecutive year. She reflected, "We feel a kinship with

the farmers and local food purveyors. Our focus has always been to prepare and share the best foods using Connecticut ingredients with our fantastic customer-friends for the past 26 years."

"Here at Naugatuck Valley Community College we try to show students the link between sustainable agriculture and health," said Karen Rotella, NVCC hospitality management program coordinator, who is new to Farm-to-Chef Week but not to using local ingredients. The program will feature a one day local farm luncheon on the patio, open to the college community and area residents.

CitySeed's Ashley Kremser added, "Farm-to-Chef Week is an amazing opportunity to share how our famous New Haven area chefs use local produce in delicious dishes, support family farms, and help support the buy local movement in Connecticut."

While farmers do not register as participants, they are very much involved and benefit from the added emphasis on their products.

"Although many farmers and chefs collaborate all year long, Farm-to-Chef Week is an opportunity for chefs to do something a little bit different," explained Peter Sepe of Sepe Farm. "The menu changes for Farm-to-Chef Week, and as it approaches, chefs are asking me for special cuts and quantities so that they can do additional creative magic in the kitchen. There's a competition going on between kitchens--it's awesome!"

Participating locations and more information about Farm-to-Chef Week can be found at [www.CTFarmtoChef.com](http://www.CTFarmtoChef.com). To learn more about the Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program, visit [www.CTGrown.gov/FarmtoChef](http://www.CTGrown.gov/FarmtoChef).



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